

MEETING MINUTES  
MONTGOMERY COUNTY COUNCIL  
MONTGOMERY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
MARCH 12, 2019  
6:00 p.m. at 600 Memorial Drive  
(Montgomery County Jail)  
Crawfordsville, IN 47933

The March 12, 2019 Montgomery County Council Meeting was held at 6:00 pm at the Montgomery County Jail Training Room. In attendance were Council President Terry Hockersmith, Councilmen Gary Booth, Don Mills, Greg Morrison, Mark Davidson, Tom Mellish and Mark Smith. Chief Deputy Auditor Mindy Byers and Attorney Rob Reimondo were present, as well as Commissioner President Jim Fulwider, Commissioner John Frey and Attorney Tyler Nichols.

- I. CALL TO ORDER: Council President Hockersmith called the meeting to order. This was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, then a Prayer given by Councilman Mills.
- II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion to approve the February 12, 2019 minutes as made by Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilman Booth. Motion carried 7-0.
- III. PUBLIC COMMENT ON ANY AGENDA ITEMS: None.
- IV. MONEY MATTERS
  - A. Additional Appropriations:
    1. \$1,170.00 REIMBURSEMENT to PS LIT – Seminars/Training (1170.33500.0005)
      - a. Sheriff Needham explained that this was due to a training class that had been cancelled and the money returned. A motion to approve the reimbursement was made by Councilman Booth, seconded by Councilman Mills. Motion carried 7-0.
  - B. Transfers:
    1. \$1,500.00 from COGEN – Auditor – Printing & Advertising (1000.30800.0002) to Office Supplies (1000.24201.0002)
      - a. A motion to approve line 1 was made by Councilman Davidson, seconded by Council President Hockersmith. Motion carried 7-0.
    2. \$300.00 from COGEN – Vet Services – Travel Expenses (1000.30001.0012) to Fuel (1000.21000.00012)
      - a. A motion to approve line 2 was made by Councilman Morrison, seconded by Councilman Smith. Motion carried 7-0.
    3. \$1,000.00 from COGEN – Superior Court 1 – Law Clerk (1000.30057.0201) to Guardian Ad Litem (1000.30048.0201)
      - a. A motion to approve line 3 was made by Councilman Mills, seconded by Council President Hockersmith. Motion carried 7-0.
    4. \$1,000.00 from COGEN – Circuit Court – Law Books (1000.20150.0232) to Office Supplies (1000.24201.0232)
    5. \$100.00 from COGEN – Circuit Court – Conference Calls (1000.30064.0232) to Repairs & Equipment (1000.30500.0232)
      - a. A motion to approve lines 4 and 5 was made by Councilman Booth, seconded by Councilman Morrison. Motion carried 7-0.
    6. \$1,700.00 from COGEN – EMA – Travel Expenses (1000.30001.9655) to Fuel (1000.21000.9655)
      - a. A motion to approve line 6 was made by Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilman Davidson. Motion carried 7-0.
    7. \$1,803.00 from Local Health Maintenance – Vector (1168.30092.0610) to Water Lab Supplies (1168.21925.0610)
    8. \$3,120.00 from Highway – Contractual Fees (1176.30194.0529) to Cleaning Services (1176.30028.0529)
    9. \$6,253.16 from Adult Supplemental Probation – Supplies (2100.24202.0235) to Operating Supplies (2100.24203.0235)
      - a. A motion to approve lines 7 - 9 was made by Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilman Morrison. Motion carried 7-0.
  - C. Reductions: None.
- V. New Business: None.
- VI. Old Business:
  - A. Council Rules of Procedure:
    1. After some discussion about determining the cutoff dates for agenda items, in order to

give their consideration due diligence, Councilman Booth moved that all department heads' requests for agenda items be submitted to the Auditor by 10 days prior to the meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Mills, and passed 7-0.

2. Councilman Booth then recognized that there are sometimes last-minute situations that need to be addressed by the Council, so he moved that the suspension of the rules of procedure be that of a simple majority at the Council meeting itself. The motion was seconded by Councilman Mills and carried 7-0.

VII. STAFF & ELECTED OFFICIALS' REPORTS:

- A. Treasurer Heather Laffoon reported that the county is on track for on time tax bills, and that the bills will mail around April 15<sup>th</sup>.
- B. Assessor Sherri Bentley reported that the State had approved the 2019 land order, which is the first that had been done in this county since 2012. She also reported that the pay 2020 assessed values are at the State for approval.
- C. Sheriff Needham reported that the JCAP project is up and running, and that the \$43,000.00 had been received from the Attorney General's office, which should fund the project for an entire year.

VIII. COUNCIL MEMBERS REPORTS:

- A. Councilman Davidson reported that the implementation of the ERPS reportedly has improved morale at the Highway Department.
- B. Councilman Mills reported that a slight adjustment had been made to the ERPS for Soil and Water, to prevent the Director's salary from decreasing in 2019.
- C. Councilman Booth reported that the RDC meetings have been productive and all is going well with the projects. He reminded everyone that on April 3<sup>rd</sup> at 5:00 p.m. at Fusion 54 an RDC/Sewer Board/City Council/County Council/Mayor/Commissioner public meeting will be held.
- D. Council President Hockersmith reported that the Auditor and Treasurer's offices are still completing all of the process and procedure updates needed with the new financial software, but it is going smoothly.

IX. CLAIMS:

- A. A claim for \$7,893.00 from Capper, Tulley & Reimondo was submitted for approval. Councilman Davidson moved to approved, seconded by Councilman Booth. Motion carried 7-0.
- B. A claim for \$354.08 from Peters Municipal Consultants was submitted for approval. A motion to approve was made by Councilman Booth, seconded by Councilman Morrison. Motion carried 7-0.

- X. INSERT: Next regular Council Meeting: 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, April 9, 2019 at the Montgomery County Courthouse.

XI. PUBLIC COMMENT

- a. Tom Kneuen of Crawfordville asked if any policy changes regarding wind farms had been made. Councilman Booth and Commissioner Fulwider both reported that there had not been any changes
- b. Kathie Watkins of Linden, commended Councilman Mark Davidson for pushing for the evening meetings, and thanked all for their time.

- XII. ADJOURN: A motion to adjourn was made by Council President Hockersmith, seconded by Councilman Davidson. Motion carried 7-0.

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Terry Hockersmith, President

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Don Mills, Vice President

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Greg Morrison, Councilman

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Gary Booth, Councilman

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Tom Mellish, Councilman

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Mark Davidson, Councilman

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Mark Smith, Councilman

Attest:

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Jennifer Andel, Auditor

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